

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on March 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 240, 2/23/2015; SB 141, 2/23/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 240, Revise interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

00:03:04 *Rep. Hertz entered*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:13 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh48a01)

00:04:55 *Rep. McClafferty entered.*

00:09:40 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:12:17 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:13:11 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:13:46 Pat Audet, Associate Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:14:32 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

00:15:03 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:23 Rep. Webber

00:16:51 Tammy Lacey, GFPS

00:17:00 Rep. Webber

00:17:19 Tammy Lacey, GFPS

00:17:37 Rep. Lamm

00:18:08 Jim Smith, MREA

00:19:24 Chair Laszloffy

00:19:28 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:04 Sen. Buttrey

00:22:13 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON SB 141**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:38 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 141, Repeal termination of reemployment provision for certain retired TRS members.

[EXHIBIT\(edh48a02\)](#)

00:23:28 *Rep. Monforton exited.*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:20 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:27:06 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:27:50 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:30:33 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:04 Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Montana Teacher's Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(edh48a03\)](#)

00:32:57 Chair Laszloffy

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:15 Rep. Salomon

00:33:53 Shawn Graham, TRS

00:34:57 Rep. Salomon

00:35:16 Shawn Graham, TRS

00:35:43 Rep. Funk

00:36:20 Shawn Graham, TRS

00:36:49 *Rep. Essmann entered*

00:37:15 Rep. Funk

00:37:28 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:48 Sen. Jones

00:39:32 Chair Laszloffy

00:40:00 Rep. Essmann

00:40:15 Rep. Funk

00:40:31 Rep. Price

00:41:01 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:41:23

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh48aad.pdf](#))